

**SB 5454-S - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Finds that the funding of trial courts in Washington state is inadequate and uneven across the state as a result of funding responsibility resting primarily upon local government.

Finds that a more equitable balance of funding responsibility between state and local government must be achieved and that increased funding must be provided for the trial courts.

Declares that this act is intended to increase state funding responsibility and provide trial courts with the additional resources necessary to provide justice equally to the citizens of Washington state.